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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ALLEGATIONS REGARDING NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

REF: [] (IDEN. CABLE)

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1. ACCORDING TO IDEN A A WOMAN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS IS ON HER WAY TO LYON, FRANCE TO VISIT IDEN B; IF SHE IS NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HIM SHE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND TELL THE MEDIA THAT IDEN B WORKED FOR ALLIED INTELLIGENCE DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE ALSO WILL CLAIM THAT IDEN B WAS EXFILTRATED OUT OF EUROPE AFTER THE WAR AND GIVEN A NEW IDENTITY AS IDEN C IN THE U.S. THE WOMAN'S NAME IS IDEN D AND SHE REPORTEDLY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON THE MORNING OF 7 MARCH ABOARD A NONSTOP PANAM FLIGHT TO LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT. SHE WILL CONNECT THERE WITH A DIRECT FLIGHT TO LYON. (A BRIEF CHECK BY [] FINDS ONLY ONE PANAM FLIGHT DIRECT TO HEATHROW. IT IS FLIGHT 12. IT DEPARTS AT 1400 HOURS LOS ANGELES TIME AND ARRIVES AT 0750 AT HEATHROW.)

2. IDEN A WAS A REGULAR [] SOURCE IN THE 1960S AND 1970S AS WELL AS A CONTRACTOR. HE ALSO HAS HAD OTHER RELATIONSHIPS WITH PNEXCEL (WHICH ARE NOT KNOWN TO [] IN THE 1950'S AND EARLY 1960S, IDEN A WAS COCHAIRMAN OF THE STRATEGY FOR PEACE CONFERENCE AND MET IDEN C. IDEN C WAS A MEMBER OF THE IDEN C FAMILY OF TEXAS, A WEALTHY, PROMINENT FAMILY WHICH OWNED IDEN C AIRWAYS. IDEN C AND IDEN A EACH EVENTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO EACH OTHER A RELATIONSHIP WITH PNEXCEL, BUT NO SPECIFICS WERE DISCUSSED. AT THAT TIME, IDEN C'S PERSONAL SECRETARY WAS IDEN D, WHO LATER ROPE HIM A SON.

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3. IN THE LATE 1960'S OR EARLY 1970S, IDEN C WAS KILLED IN A SMALL AIRPLANE CRASH IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. PRIOR TO THIS CRASH, IDEN C HAD ONCE TOLD IDEN A THAT HE "MIGHT HAVE TO GO AWAY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OR PERHAPS FOREVER". AFTER THE CRASH WHEN IDEN D VIEWED THE BODY, SHE CLAIMED THAT IS WAS NOT IDEN C. (FYI: IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODY DEPENDED HEAVILY ON DENTAL RECORDS.) FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO IDEN A, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, IDEN D WENT TO SOUTH AMERICA (EITHER LA PAZ OR BOGOTA, IDEN A IS NOT CERTAIN WHICH) AND LATER TOLD IDEN A THAT SHE HAD LOCATED IDEN C AND THAT HE HAD NOT ACKNOWLEDGED HER PRESENCE. FINALLY ON THE THIRD MEETING IN SOUTH AMERICA, IDEN C ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD KNOWN IDEN D BEFORE.

4. IDEN D HAD TOLD IDEN A THE FOLLOWING STORY: DURING WORLD WAR II, THE ORIGINAL IDEN C WORKED FOR ALLIED INTELLIGENCE CLANDESTINELY IN EUROPE BUT WAS KILLED IN ACTION. WHEN IDEN B ESCAPED AT THE WAR'S END HE WAS GIVEN IDEN C'S IDENTITY AS A FORM OF PROTECTION AND REPAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED. AS AN ALLIED AGENT, IDEN B HAD PROVIDED IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SERVICES DURING THE WAR FROM HIS POST IN LYON. ONLY THE ORIGINAL IDEN C'S PARENTS KNEW THAT THEIR SON WAS DEAD AND THAT SOMEONE WAS TAKING HIS PLACE. IDEN C/B REPORTEDLY LATER BECAME A BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADER IN TEXAS BASED ON THE FAMILY'S PROMINENCE.

5. IDEN C VISITED IDEN C/B AT LEAST FOUR OR FIVE TIMES IN SOUTH AMERICA AND HAS COMMUNICATED WITH HIM SINCE HIS ARREST AND EXTRADITION TO FRANCE. PRIOR TO HIS EXTRADITION, HE TOLD HER THAT HE WOULD DIE BEFORE RETURNING TO FRANCE. SHE APPARENTLY IS STILL BEING KEPT INFORMED OF IDEN C/B'S STATUS. SHE SAID HE IS IN THE HOSPITAL BUT NOT FOR A HERNIA AS THE MEDIA SAID. SHE TOLD IDEN A ON 7 MARCH THAT IDEN B IS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE WARD AND THAT SHE WANTS TO SEE HIM BEFORE HE DIES. IF THIS IS NOT PERMITTED, SHE WILL TALK TO THE MEDIA. HER FEAR IS THAT IDEN C/B WILL DIE WITHOUT CLEARING HIS NAME BY MAKING KNOWN HIS ASSISTANCE TO THE ALLIED DURING THE WAR. SHE ASKED IDEN A TO ASSIST HER THROUGH THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE BUT IDEN A DOES NOT KNOW THE AMBASSADOR AND CONTACTED PNEXCEL INSTEAD. IDEN A DOES NOT KNOW IF HER STORY IS TRUE BUT HE ADMITS THAT PHOTOS OF IDEN B BEAR A RESEMBLANCE TO IDEN C. IDEN A SAYS THAT IDEN D IS IN HER 60S NOW. SHE IS QUITE SANE AND CLEAR-HEADED BUT IS VERY EMOTIONAL AND ADAMANT ABOUT SEEING IDEN C/B. IDEN A SUGGESTED STRONGLY THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE U.S. CONSULATE IN LYON WHEN SHE ARRIVES. (IDEN D HAS BEEN FINANCIALLY WELL PROVIDED FOR BY IDEN C'S FAMILY SINCE THE PLANE CRASH. CONSEQUENT-

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LY SHE HAS MONEY TO FINANCE HER TRAVEL.)

6. IDEN A'S AND OUR CONCERN IS THE PUBLIC REACTION TO THESE CLAIMS. IRREGARDLESS OF THEIR VERACITY. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN CLAIMS THAT IDEN B ASSISTED THE ALLIES AFTER THE WAR BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE USSR AND WHILE THESE CLAIMS HAVE CAUSED A NEGATIVE REACTION, THESE REACTIONS PROBABLY WILL BE SMALL COMPARED TO THE REACTION TOWARD ALLEGATIONS THAT IDEN H WAS AN ALLIED AGENT AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE WAS EARNING HIS NICKNAME AS IDEN E.

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